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last two decades have been urging upon the necessity for going into this matter. The bund level of the Bethamangalam tank which was permitted to be raised by 9 feet only, has been actually raised to 18 feet. They also say that the Ramasagar tank which was dilapidated has been strengthened and reconstructed. In spite of the fact that the Mysore Government agreed to utilise the waters of Palar only for domestic and industrial purposes at Kolar Gold Fields, they are actually utilising is for agricultural purposes also. These are admitted grievances of our side and representations have also been made. If Mysore is also a Part A State, the matter can be taken before the Supreme Court on the original side as a dispute between two 'A' States. Because Mysore happens to be a Part B State, it cannot be done and we therefore request the Government of India to constitute a Council under Article 263. Will the Government impress upon the Central Government the immediate necessity of constituting a Council under Article 263 before the next season commences?"

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—"Yes, Sir, that is what I said. I have already stated that we are proposing to ask the Government of India to constitute a Council under Article 263 and having said that naturally we will take expeditious action."

Madras Police Officers for Pondicherry

* 1761 *Q.*—SRI S. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state— 9-30 a. m.

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the services of some of the Police Officers of this State have been lent to the Pondicherry State on its merging with the Indian Union;

(*b*) if so, on what basis the selection were made;

(*c*) the total number of officers of different grades lent; and

(*d*) how many of them belong to Scheduled Castes?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"(*a*) Yes.

"(*b*) The selection was made on the basis of the suitability of the persons concerned.

"(*c*) Sixteen.

"(*d*) None."

Village Officers' Conference, Malabar

*1762 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation recently from the Malabar District Village Officers' Association, about their service conditions, and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?